

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 and 17-20 are pending. Claims 1 and 16 have been canceled. Claims 2, 3, 8, 11, 12, 14, 19, and 20 have been amended. Claims 21 and 22 have been added. Reconsideration of the rejections and reexamination of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-7, 12-13, and 17-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 588,838 (“Savage”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 298,929 (“Wilson”).

Applicant respectfully disagrees. The combination of Savage and Wilson do not teach or suggest the subject matter of Claims 1-7, 12-13, and 17-19. In order to place the application in a condition for allowance and to expedite prosecution, Applicant has canceled Claim 1, amended Claims 2-3 and 19 to depend from allowable Claim 14, and amended Claim 12 to depend from allowable Claim 11 without prejudice. Claims 4-7 in unamended form depend from allowable Claim 14 and Claims 13 and 17-18 in unamended form depend from allowable Claim 11. Applicant reserves the right to re-present Claims 2-3, 12, and 19 in their unamended form and Claim 1 and to address the Examiner’s rejection in detail in a continuation application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the Examiner’s indication that Claims 8-11, 14-15, and 20 are allowable.

New Claims

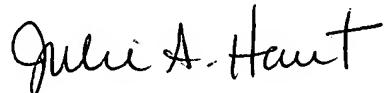
New Claims 21 and 22 depend from Claim 20, which was rewritten in independent form and is allowable. Applicants respectfully submit that the prior art of record does not teach or suggest the subject matter defined by new Claims 21 and 22. Accordingly, new Claims 21 and 22 are allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, entry of the present Amendment and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The undersigned is available for telephone consultation during normal business hours.

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